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Disability Commission Minutes 05/17/2006

MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2006

Members Present: Lin Baker, Barbara Cutler, Susan James, Kevin O'Brien,
Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Barbara Jones, Louis Krodel

Tom Boudreau Memorial Gift Fund:

Kevin spoke with John Cole proposing to use \$1,800.00 in memory of Tom Boudreau to incorporate a cement platform for a bench into the design when building a ramp at the field across from the Dallin School.

Community Update:

At Town Meeting the Universal Design Resolution proposed by the Commission was approved. The clearing of the Trail was rejected. But Selectmen Greeley did say that there would be a hearing on clearing the Trail next winter. No action was taken on the warrant articles on the replacement of bricks and curb cut snow removal. The Selectmen stated that this could be done as a matter of policy rather than as warrant articles.

Barbara C. said that she attended a Selectmen's Meeting to voice her concern that the Commission only received \$25,000 CDBG allocation for FY 2007 for curb ramp work. Susan said that she would like Summer St. to be included for curb ramp work.

Barbara C. said that she has not received a letter from the Selectmen pertaining to their support about not using bricks in the path of travel on sidewalks.

Kevin said that the Summer St. project is progressing but may not be finished this summer. Kevin also said that McClenen Park would be dedicated on June 3, 2006.

Barbara C. said that she would write a letter to the Town Manager requesting that the Commission on Disability be notified in advance of any Town projects prior to construction. Barbara C. also said that regarding the promotion of Universal Design, the Town Administration needs to find ways to encourage homeowners, builders and developers to adopt and use principles of Universal design. Currently construction in Arlington seems to be building tall houses crowded into small lots.

New Business:

Town Day will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2006 with a rain date of September 16, 2006.

Legislative Update:

Barbara C. said that the State House is presently working on the budget, which is going well.

Commission Membership:

Jack J. has spoken with Kerrie Fallon regarding her interest of serving on the Commission.

Barbara C. said that Patti Quatieri has indicated that she is busy with Department of Mental Retardation issues and is not able to serve at this time.